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Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Grant Committee Members:

Please accept this letter of support for the grant application for the City of Yakima for a simple steel bridge that will cross the Wide Hollow Creek adjacent to the West Valley Community Park.

Our students from the West Valley Mid-Level Campus, Grades 6-8, use the current wood bridge on a daily basis every morning before school and every afternoon after school. The current bridge was constructed by parents and community members. It needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

The West Valley School District #208 fully supports the City of Yakima to apply for grant funds to make this a safe route to and from school for our students.

If you need any additional information, I can be reached via email at <u>finchp@wvsd208.org</u> or via phone at 509-972-6007.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent

West Valley School District #208

CC: Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager, City of Yakima